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## **PRESS RELEASE BY THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER**

### *German Ambassador pays farewell visit to Speaker Farrugia*

Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany Gudrun Maria Sräga paid a farewell visit to Speaker Anġlu Farrugia in view of her tour of duty soon coming to an end.

Speaker Farrugia expressed his appreciation to Ambassador Sräga for the valuable work she has done during her posting in Malta, helping in intensifying further the very strong and amicable contacts that exist between Malta and the Federal Republic of Germany. He also had words of praise for the German Government for accepting to take a number of migrants who were rescued from an overcrowded boat in the Mediterranean earlier this month.

Speaker Farrugia and Ambassador Sräga recalled the high-level visits to Malta paid by German dignitaries as well as by various German MPs, the last being a delegation from the Cultural Committee of the Berlin Parliament who visited Malta last month. They mentioned the increase in the number of German tourists who visit Malta every year and noted the importance of winter tourism.

The two dignitaries discussed the political situation in their respective countries as well as the international scene, focusing particularly on migration, terrorism, Libya and the situation in the European Union. The cooperation between the Maltese Parliament and the German Bundestag also featured in the discussion.